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SUBJECT: LASSA FEVER VIRUS

FOR DR. PAUL GOFF FROM DR. THOMAS MONATH, CENTER FOR  
DISEASE CONTROL, ATLANTA

REPLY TO CABLE INFORMATION LATE JUNE FROM PANGUMA  
INDICATES MANY LASSA CASES PRESENTLY IN HOSPITAL. NEW  
INFORMATION FROM CDC IMPLICATED A SINGLE, COMMON  
HOUSEHOLD AND GARDEN RAT - MASTOMYS NATALENSIS - AS  
VIRUS RESERVOIR. SUGGEST 1) IMMEDIATE DOCUMENTATION  
ON EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND CLINICAL GROUNDS AND BY  
SPECIMEN SENT TO CDC THAT LASSA CONTINUES IN PANGUMA;  
2) FOLLOW THIS ATTEMPT TO SECURE REQUEST FROM THE  
MOH TO WHO FOR ASSISTANCE IN RODENT CONTROL EFFORT.  
THE LATTER SHOULD BE SUPERVISED AND EVALUATED BY AN  
EXPERT TEAM. ROGERS

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